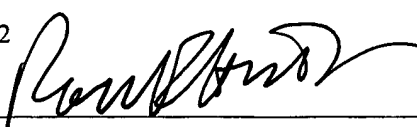


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. <b>P08752US00/RFH</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/AU04/000329</b>		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>17 MARCH 2004</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>A SPORTS BALL VALVE</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>17 MARCH 2003</b>
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>HORTON, David et al.</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the US Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<div style="list-style-type: none; padding-left: 0;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1. This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.  <input type="checkbox"/> 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.  <input type="checkbox"/> 4. The US has been elected (Article 31).  <input type="checkbox"/> 5. A <b>copy</b> of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).  <input type="checkbox"/> b. has been communicated by the International Bureau  <input type="checkbox"/> c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).         </div> <input type="checkbox"/> 6. An English <b>translation</b> of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> a. is attached hereto.  <input type="checkbox"/> b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).  <input type="checkbox"/> c. is not needed since the International Application is in English.         </div> <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Appln. under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371 (c)(3))  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).  <input type="checkbox"/> b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.  <input type="checkbox"/> c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.  <input type="checkbox"/> d. have not been made and will not be made.         </div> <input type="checkbox"/> 8. An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9. An oath or <b>declaration</b> of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).  <input type="checkbox"/> 10. An English translation of the annexes to the Int'l Pre. Exam. Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).       </div>		
<b>Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:</b>		
<div style="list-style-type: none; padding-left: 0;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11. An <b>Information Disclosure Statement</b> under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.  <input type="checkbox"/> 12. An <b>Assignment</b> document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 &amp; 3.31 is included.  <input type="checkbox"/> 13. A <b>preliminary amendment</b>.  <input type="checkbox"/> 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.  <input type="checkbox"/> 15. A substitute specification.  <input type="checkbox"/> 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.  <input type="checkbox"/> 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 &amp; 37 CFR 1.821-825.  <input type="checkbox"/> 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).  <input type="checkbox"/> 19. A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).          20. <b>Other</b> items or information:  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith, and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized in 21(c).  <input type="checkbox"/> </div> </div>		
Date: June 29, 2006		

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The following fees have been submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
<input type="checkbox"/> 21. Basic national fee		\$300		\$	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Has been paid on the Int'l Appln. to the USPTO as ISA (37 CFR 1.445.a.2)		\$100			
<input type="checkbox"/> International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office		\$400			
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CLAIMS		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360 =	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$130	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status - 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above reduced by ½.				\$65	
SUBTOTAL =				\$65	
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				\$130	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 65	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee for recording enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). Assignment must be accompanied by appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) \$40 per property				\$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 65.00	
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<input type="checkbox"/> a. A CHECK in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Payment of \$ 65.00 is made by attached Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0555. <input type="checkbox"/> d. Do not charge any claim fees now - any additional claims fees will be paid with the Missing Requirements.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
POWER OF ATTORNEY & CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:  CUSTOMER NO. 00881  Date: June 29, 2006			NAME: Ross F. Hunt, Jr. REG. NO.: 24082 Signed (for) by:  REG. NO.: 24,082		



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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/19/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/19/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/19/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/19/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/19/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/19/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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